GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS AND DRUGS
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of problems faced by CGHS beneficiaries at Chennai due to shortage of doctors and non-availability of drugs;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to mitigate the sufferings of CGHS beneficiaries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c) Some complaints have been received regarding shortage of doctors and non-availability of drugs at CGHS Chennai.A few doctors of CGHS, Chennai are on study leave and some are absconding against whom departmental action has been initiated.Steps have also been taken to fill up the vacant posts of Specialist Doctors.

There is no shortage of drugs in CGHS, Chennaias the non-available drugs in the dispensaries are procured from the authorised local chemists and issued to the CGHS beneficiaries.In case of an emergency, `authority slips` are issued to the beneficiaries for collecting the drugs direct from the authorised local chemists.